

John # 69 “Something Greater Than The Temple Is Here”

Matthew 12:1-14

1. The Sabbath is a sign between the Lord and Israel.

2. It is holy unto Israel.

3. *It was a day separated from labor and unto God.*

4. It was to be observed throughout all ages by all generations of Israel; Exodus 31:13-“Say to the Israelites, You must observe My Sabbaths. This will be a sign between Me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the Lord, who makes you holy.”

The Lord Jesus Christ argues using Scripture.

Service to the Lord was what the Sabbath was all about!

The Sabbath law was not merely one of rest but rest to worship.

Hosea 6:6 “For I desire mercy, not sacrifice and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.”

God desires compassion toward His creation over strict adherence to certain regulations.

The Lord Jesus Christ is not changing the Law but rather interpreting it perfectly.

All things (including the Sabbath) are subject to Messiah's authority.

To refuse an opportunity to glorify God by doing good on the Sabbath is not lawful and honorable, it's evil.

The Lord Jesus Christ is greater than Moses as the Lord of the Sabbath, the Lawgiver, the Judge who has authority to interpret the laws of the Sabbath who never ceases in His spiritual work; so in healing on the Sabbath, He was simply performing the Father's will and quite possibly, He healed the crippled man so that he could go home and fulfill Sabbath law which points to Jesus Christ, Creator of the universe and Restorer of the Sabbath rest that Adam lost!

And by the way, our Lord is demonstrating His love for the Pharisees by correcting them; not only to expose their legalism but to give them God's alternative.